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# Section I (Approval of Minutes, Briefings, and Reports on Operations)

## Approval of Minutes

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1. COMIREX-M-65 were approved as written.

## Operational Briefing -- Satellite

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2. [ ] reported on satellite operations and schedules as of 10 April 1969. See page 7 for details.

## Report on Aircraft Activities -- Far East

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3. [ ] reported that there were six successful and six unsuccessful BUMPY ACTION sorties during the period 28 March - 10 April. All were low and all were against traditional targets as indicated in the chart below:

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	<u>AREAS/TARGETS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
	Ha Tou Boat Rpr Fac, Hon Gai Port Fac, Haiphong Port Fac, Kien An Afld, Haiphong Nav Base, Haiphong RR Sta & Yd, Cat Bi Afld	Lost
	Rte 1A	MARS
	Hanoi Port Fac, Gia Lam Afld	Lost
	Hiep Hoa Afld, Kep Afld, Kep RR Yd	Lost
	Cat Bi Afld, Kien An Afld, Rte 10	MARS
	Hiep Hoa Afld, Kep Afld, Kep RR Yd	Lost
	SAM 334, 331	MARS
	SAM 73, Kep Afld, Hiep Hoa Afld	MARS

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Yen Vien RR Yd, Gia Lam Afld, Lost  
Hanoi Port Fac, Bac Mai Afld

Haiphong Port/RR4/Rte 1A MARS

) Nam Dinh Tr Pt, TPP/Bac Mai Lost  
Afld/Gia Lam Afld

SAM 334, 331 MARS

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4. [Redacted] reported that there were four GIANT  
SCALE missions flown during the period 28 March - 10 April.

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[Redacted]

AREA/TARGETS

RESULTS

Yen Bai Afld/Yen Bai Cmplx/  
Kep/Phuc Yen/Cam Pha Prt/  
Hon Gai Prt GOOD

Port Wallut Nav Base/Lang Son FAIR  
Lang-Son Cmplx/Dong Dang RR  
Yd/Lao Cai Cmplx/RR1

Rte 1A/Viet Tri RR Yd/Hoa Lac FAIR  
Afld/RR 7/RR 4

Vinh Afld/Ben Thuy TSP/Rte 1A/ Unk  
Dong Hoi Afld/Bai Thuong Afld

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5. [ ] reported a U-2R IDEALIST/TACKLE mission was flown on 8 April 1969. [ ]

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[ ] Another has been programmed to north of the Formosa Strait which could look at the SAWRFs. There were no FOOD FAIR missions during the period.

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6. [ ] reported efforts to cover two priority South China/North Vietnam requirements as follows:

a. Coverage of Lines of Communications (LOC) pertinent to the introduction of Chinese forces into North Vietnam (see COMOR-D-25/207, 4 March 1966). The number of LOC priority targets in South China and North Vietnam remains at 352. For the period 3 March - 9 April 1969, no surveillance coverage was reported. (For that reason, there will not be a Tab A to these Minutes.)

b. Coverage of North Vietnam to detect the possible introduction or deployment of offensive missile systems (see COMOR-D-25/200, 23 May 1967, and COMIREX-D-25.3/2, 20 November 1967) is shown on the grid map at Tab B for the period 27 March - 2 April 1969. Six BUMPY ACTION missions flown during this time period and considered successful have not been recorded. No SSM activity was observed.

Report on Aircraft Activities--Cuba

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7. Three GLASS LAMP missions were flown on 4, 5, and 9 April.

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8. [ ] reported that for the 56-day period beginning 13 February 1969 eight GLASS LAMP missions were flown over Cuba [ ]

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[ ] During this period [ ]  
[ ] targets in Cuba were covered completely on cloud-free photography, not including the three most recent missions flown on 4, 5, and 9 April.

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Section III (Subcommittee and Working Group Reports)

Report from Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee

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1. The Acting Chairman, ICRS, distributed copies of the monthly report on CCRP satisfaction (see Tab D). He pointed out that it is significant that we now stand at the highest point of accomplishment since we have been keeping this over the past year. [ ] commented that this certainly speaks well for the NRO and the application of the software to the CCRP. He said that, if the CCRP is a meaningful thing, we should have some degree of security of where we stand from the intelligence standpoint as a result of coming so close to fulfillment of its requirements.

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Report from Exploitation Research and Development Subcommittee

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2. [ ] reminded COMIREX members that April starts the annual budget cycle. FY 1970 R&D programs are in the process of having the doors closed on them; it is time to reevaluate and project another year on the five-year program. He pointed out that, with the growing limitations on R&D funds, EXRAND will be able to accomplish even more this year than in the past. The greatest impact will be seen in greater joint purchasing arrangements after the R&D phase is completed, but there should also be some noticeable improvement in coordination prior to and during the R&D phase itself.

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Section IV (Action Items)

Report by Acting Chairman on COMIREX Action on Advance in Launch  
of Mission 1051

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1. [ ] reminded members that at the special meeting held on 1 April 1969 COMIREX had reached tentative agreement on the question of whether or not the [ ] should fly on Mission 1051 and was aware of some of the options which at that time were applicable to rescheduling 1051. Subsequent to the meeting, however, it was learned the earliest date 1051 could be launched was about 1 May and that consequently a decision to retain or conversely to remove the [ ] would have no effect on how soon that mission could be launched. Therefore, rather than prepare a paper recommending a particular alternative, it was decided to forward an information memorandum to the DCI relating the facts relative to the launch of 1051 and outlining the actions taken by COMIREX to maximize coverage of [ ] by both Mission 1051 [ ]. Subsequent to the preparation of this memorandum, the NRO reported that it was possible to fly Mission 1051 at an orbital inclination of

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Section V (Status of Recent COMIREX Papers)

Revision of FY 1969 Basic Requirements Tasked to Army  
(COMIREX-D-31.4/25)

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1. There having been no request by a COMIREX member to place the above paper on the agenda for discussion, it is hereby made a matter of record that the revision of FY 1969 Basic Requirements tasked to Army was approved by COMIREX this date.

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1. [ ] distributed a draft memorandum to COMIREX on the above subject and asked members to take time to read it and then discuss it. Since the 303 Committee has authorized drone overflights of China and planning is proceeding for carrying out such flights, DIA felt that some procedures should be worked out for handling the product of such flights.

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2. [ ] reported that a few days ago the Commands were asked to develop some suitable tracks for drone overflights. These have now been received and are undergoing review from the standpoint of risk assessment and the like. Commands were also asked to send in information on targets of national interest and local theater interest. The target information is expected within the next week or so.

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3. [ ] pointed out that the policy DIA is advocating is no different from that already approved in USIB-D-41.17/41, 12 August 1964.

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4. [ ] indicated that he felt that in the subject of the memorandum, and other places throughout the memorandum as appropriate, the area should be changed to read "South China" rather than China because that is the only authorization at this time. He said that he thought it was probably safe to assume that the same general patterns will be used as were in effect before the recent standdown.

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5. In answer to a question from [ ] about ICRS consideration, [ ] answered that agencies had been requested to prepare priority listings of targets within two hundred miles of the North Vietnam border for consideration by ICRS next week. He reminded members that they already have COMIREX-approved targets in South China, so ICRS will just be revalidating and sharpening them up.

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6. With regard to handling instructions, COMIREX believed that classification and control should be retained as before even though it is not contemplated that the drones will be recovered [redacted] requested [redacted] to revise the DIA proposal to include [redacted] amendment specifying South China and to amend the recommendation by dropping alternatives and simply retaining the recommendation that the policy for handling drone photography of China be the same as for U-2 photography. Members, meanwhile, were requested to staff the paper through their organizations and report concurrence with the recommendation to the Office of the Chairman, COMIREX, by close of business Monday, 14 April.

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Acting Executive Secretary  
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachments

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